



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

June 2022 Grand Jury

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

LADELL THARPE,  
aka "blamp\_camp\_zavey,"  
JIMMY LEE VERNON, III,  
aka "777jaccpot," and  
DESHON BELL,

Defendants.

CR 2:22-cr-00456 -GW

I N D I C T M E N T

[18 U.S.C. § 1951(a): Conspiracy  
to Interfere with Commerce by  
Robbery and Interference with  
Commerce by Robbery]

The Grand Jury charges:

COUNT ONE

[18 U.S.C. § 1951(a)]

[ALL DEFENDANTS]

A. INTRODUCTORY ALLEGATIONS

At times relevant to this Indictment:

1. Luxury Jewels of Beverly Hills ("Luxury Jewels") was a store specializing in fine jewelry, watches, gemstones, art, antiques, and collectibles located at 203 South Beverly Drive, Beverly Hills, California.

1           2.     Luxury Jewels sold and distributed products in and  
2 affecting interstate commerce.   Luxury Jewels obtained goods to be  
3 sold from outside California.   Luxury Jewels operated an eBay auction  
4 account and has sold over 1,300 items to bidders outside California.  
5 Luxury Jewels accepted credit card payments for all types of  
6 transactions at its store.

7     B.     OBJECT OF THE CONSPIRACY

8           Beginning on a date unknown, and continuing to on or about March  
9 25, 2022, in Los Angeles County, within the Central District of  
10 California, and elsewhere, defendants LADELL THARPE, also known as  
11 "blamp\_camp\_zavey," JIMMY LEE VERNON, III, also known as  
12 "777jaccpot," and DESHON BELL, and others known and unknown to the  
13 Grand Jury, conspired with each other to knowingly and intentionally  
14 interfere with commerce by robbery, in violation of Title 18, United  
15 States Code, Section 1951(a).

16     C.     MEANS BY WHICH THE OBJECT OF THE CONSPIRACY WAS TO BE  
17           ACCOMPLISHED

18           The object of the conspiracy was to be accomplished, in  
19 substance, as follows:

20           1.     Defendant THARPE would drive in tandem with other vehicles  
21 carrying defendant VERNON and other co-conspirators known and unknown  
22 to the Grand Jury, and defendant BELL would drive a getaway car to a  
23 Luxury Jewels, to commit a robbery.

24           2.     Defendant VERNON, and other conspirators known and unknown  
25 to the Grand Jury, would smash the outdoor display window of Luxury  
26 Jewels during store hours and in the presence of customers and  
27 employees using sledgehammers, destruction bars, and other weapons  
28 during store hours to commit the robbery, while defendant THARPE

1 would remain in a vehicle nearby as a lookout and defendant BELL  
2 would wait in a different getaway car.

3 3. Defendant VERNON, and other co-conspirators known and  
4 unknown to the Grand Jury, in the presence of store employees and  
5 customers, would use the weapons to smash the display cases and steal  
6 luxury jewelry from the display cases.

7 4. Defendants THARPE and BELL would drive defendant VERNON and  
8 other co-conspirators known and unknown to the Grand Jury, away from  
9 the robbery location after the robbery was completed.

10 D. OVERT ACTS

11 In furtherance of the conspiracy, and to accomplish the object  
12 of the conspiracy, on or about the following dates, defendants  
13 THARPE, VERNON, and BELL, and others known and unknown to the Grand  
14 Jury, committed various overt acts within the Central District of  
15 California, including, but not limited to, the following:

16 Overt Act No. 1: On March 23, 2022, defendants THARPE,  
17 VERNON, and BELL, and other co-conspirators known and unknown to the  
18 Grand Jury, drove in tandem in three vehicles from Long Beach,  
19 California, to Beverly Hills, California.

20 Overt Act No. 2: On March 23, 2022, defendant VERNON and  
21 other co-conspirators known and unknown to the Grand Jury got out of  
22 a Kia to rob Luxury Jewels.

23 Overt Act No. 3: On March 23, 2022, defendant VERNON smashed  
24 the exterior glass display cases of Luxury Jewels multiple times.

25 Overt Act No. 4: On March 23, 2022, defendant VERNON and  
26 other co-conspirators known and unknown to the Grand Jury took items  
27 from Luxury Jewels valued at least \$2,674,000.

1        Overt Act No. 5:        On March 23, 2022, defendant BELL waited  
2 near Luxury Jewels, serving as the getaway driver for defendant  
3 VERNON and other co-conspirators known and unknown to the Grand Jury.

4        Overt Act No. 6:        On March 25, 2022, defendant THARPE posted  
5 to his Instagram numerous photos that included large stacks of money  
6 and a message praising his "robbery gang."  
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COUNT TWO

[18 U.S.C. §§ 1951(a), 2(a)]

[ALL DEFENDANTS]

On or about March 23, 2022, in Los Angeles County, within the Central District of California, LADELL THARPE, also known as "blamp\_camp\_zavey," JIMMY LEE VERNON, III, also known as "777jaccpot," and DESHON BELL, each aiding and abetting the other, obstructed, delayed, and affected commerce and the movement of articles and commodities in commerce by knowingly and willingly committing robbery, in that defendants THARPE, VERNON, and BELL unlawfully took and obtained property consisting of approximately 19 bracelets, seven pairs of earrings, four necklaces, a pair of obelisks, eight rings, and 20 watches valued at approximately \$2,674,600 belonging to Luxury Jewels of Beverly Hills from its store located at 203 South Beverly Drive, Beverly Hills, California, the inventory of which traveled in interstate commerce, in the presence of employees of Luxury Jewels, against their will, by means of actual  
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1 and threatened force, violence, and fear of injury, immediate and  
2 future, to their persons and property, and property in their custody  
3 and possession.

4 A TRUE BILL

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6 /s/  
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